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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper Number 11) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on May 7, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith, and a three month extension of time is respectfully requested. The required small entity fees are submitted herewith. Applicants are a small entity and are entitled to small entity status.

In the Claims

Please re-write the claims as indicated below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached hereto as Appendix A.

1. (Previously Once Amended) A method of treating a subject to attach microparticles to a skin surface containing endogenous transglutaminase of the subject comprising contacting the skin surface containing endogenous transglutaminase with microparticles having surface available transglutaminase substrate reactive groups in an amount sufficient to attach the microparticles to the skin surface in the presence of the endogenous transglutaminase,